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SUBJECT: US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 234177, B) STATE 234776

1. EMBOFF RAISED QUESTIONS MENTIONED IN REF A WITH UNDERSECRETARY CASTENDA, WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:
A. CASTANEDA WILL DISCUSS MATTER OF LICENSE RENEWALS AT SEA WITH MEDINA NERI TODAY, WITH VIEW TO SEEING THAT WORD TO RENEW GETS TO MEXICAN FISHERIES OFFICES IN SAN DIEGO AND SAN PEDRO. CASTANEDA NOTED THAT IT IS ERRONEOUS FOR GOM OR U.S. PERSONNEL TO ASSUME THAT MEXCONSULATES CAN RENEW LICENSES, AS THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY FISHERIES OFFICES. MORE ON THIS WHEN WE HEAR FROM CASTANEDA AFTER HIS TALK WITH MEDINA NERI.
B. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE ADDITION OF NAMES TO LIST

OF 141 VESSELS PERMITTED TO FISH IN MEXICAN WATERS, CASTANEDA "DEFINITELY" AGAINST THIS. HE NOTED THAT "THE IDEA IS FOR THE NUMBER OF VESSELS TO DIMINISH AS TIME PASSES."

C. WITH REGARD TO EXPLORATORY FISHING NOTE, EMBOFF STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF HAVING MEXICAN REPLY NOTE READY
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BY TIME OF SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT; AT SAME TIME GAVE

CASTANDEA INFORMAL COPY OF KISSINGER NOTE TO FOREIGN
SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES, WHICH HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO
RECEIVE FROM SECRETARY'S OFFICE. CASTANEDA SAID HE
HAS THE CONTENT OF THE GOM RESPONSE IN MIND, WILL
DISCUSS IT WITH DIRECTOR IN CHIEF OF SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS GONZALEZ DE LEON TODAY, AND WILL HAVE RESPONSE DRAFTED
SOON.

D. EMBOFF DELIVERED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REPLY TO FOREIGN
SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES ON SEPTEMBER 23 AT
4 P.M.

E. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF CASTANEDA
REPLIES IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.
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